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36 (New). The method of claim 35 wherein the antigen is a pathogen antigen.

37 (New). The method of claim 27 wherein said nucleic acid molecule is administered into buccal tissue.

38 (New). The method of claim 37 wherein the antigen is a pathogen antigen.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being filed together with the above-identified application which is a continuation application of Application Serial No. 08/357,398.

Claims 1-14 are in the application.

By way of this preliminary amendment, the specification is amended, claims 1-14 are canceled and new claims 15-38 are added.

Upon entry of this preliminary amendment, claims 15-38 will be pending.

The specification is amended to include the necessary reference to the parent application.

No new matter is added.

The claims are amended to more clearly define embodiments of the invention. Support

for the new claims is found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter is added.

Claims 15-38 are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Between the title and the "Field of the Invention" section, a Cross Reference to Related Applications section heading and paragraph were added.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-14 have been canceled and new claims 15-38 have been added.

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